

REMARKS

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of the non-elected claims in a divisional application, if such subject matter is not ultimately granted here.

Regarding the traversal, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement.

In order to make a proper restriction requirement, the Examiner must show that the inventions are independent or distinct. MPEP§803. Applicants submit that the Examiner has not satisfied this criteria, and therefore, the restriction requirement is improper.

The Examiner stated that the inventions of Groups I and II are distinct because the adhesive product of Group II can be made by another process, separate from the process of Group I. Applicants respectfully submit that the adhesive tape of Group II is only able to be fabricated using the method of Group I. Moreover, applicant submits that claims 8-9 (Group II) are ultimately dependent upon claim 1 (Group I), and therefore are drawn to the same process, and are not distinct inventions. Accordingly, there is sufficient interrelatedness that Groups I and II should be examined together.

Furthermore, in the present record, the Examiner has only generally stated that striped adhesives can be made by different processes such as spraying or brushing. Applicants submit that this general allegation does not, by itself, demonstrate that the product as claimed can be made by another process.

Based on the foregoing reasons, applicants respectfully request that the restriction be withdrawn.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

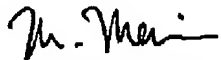
If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

Respectfully submitted,

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